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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

SECURING A LIST OF

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Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Pursuant to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 26, 2002 and received in regard to the above-noted application, please enter the following:

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 33-42.

Please amend claims 6, 7, 20, 27, 43, and 49 as the following:

6. (Twice Amended) A method for securing data and for providing secure access to the data

comprising the steps of:

creating a graphical image;

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